THE CONFES-
SION OF FAITH,

SVBSCRIVED BY THE
KINGIS MAIESTIE
and his Houſhold:

TOGITHER VVITH
THE COPIE OF THE BANDE,

maid touching the maintenance of the true Religion, the Kingis Majeſties perſon and eſtate, &c: Seuerally to be Subſcriued by all Noble men, Barrons, gentlemen and otheris, according to the tenor of the acte of ſecret Counſell, and Commiſſionis therein contayned, as heirafter ſolloweth.

IOSHVA. 24.25.

So Ioſhua maide a covenant with the people the ſame day, and gaue vnto them ordinances and lawes in Shechem.

2. KING. 11.17.

And Iehoiada made a couenant betweene the Lord, and the king and the people, that they ſhould be the Lordes people: likewiſe betweene the king and the people.

ISAIAH. 44.5.

One ſhall ſay I am the Lordes: another ſhalbe called by the name of Iaakob: and another ſhall ſubſcriue with his hand vnto the Lord, &c.

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WE all, and euerie one of vs vnderwritten protestе, that after long and due examinatioun of our owne Consciencis, in matters of true and fals Religion, are nowe throughly resolued in the trueth, by the worde and spirit of God. And therefore we beleeue with our heartis, confesse with our mouthes, Subscriue with our hands, & constantly affirme, before God and the whole worlde: That this onely, is the true Christian Faith and Religion pleasing God, and bringing Saluation to man, quhilk is nowe by the mercie of God reuealed to the world, by the preaching of the blessed Euangell. And recea-

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receaued, beleued and defended, by many & ſundrie notable Kirkis and Realmes, but chiefely by the Kirk of Scotland, the Kings Maieſtie, and thre Eſtates of this Realme, as Gods eternall trueth, & onely ground of our Saluation: as more particularly is expreſſed in the Confeſſion of our Faith, ſtabliſhed, and publictly confirmed by ſindrie Actis of Parliamentis, and now of a lang time hath bene opinly profeſſed by the kings Maieſtie, and whole bodie of this Realme, baith in burgh and land. To the quhilk Confeſſion and forme of Religion, we willingly agree in our Conſciencis in all pointis, as vnto Gods vndouted trueth and veritie, grounded onely vpon his written worde. And therefore, we abhorre and deteſt all contrarie Religion and doctrine: But chiefely all kinde of Papiſtrie, in generall and particular headis, euen as they are nowe damned and confuted by the worde of God and Kirk of Scotland: but in ſpecial, we deteſt and refuſe the vſurped authoritie, of that Romaine Antichriſte vpon the Scriptures of God: vpon the Kirk, the ciuill magiſtrate & conſcience of men. All his tyrannous Lawes made vpon indifferent things, againſt our Chriſtiane libertie. His erroneous doctrine, againſt the ſufficiencie of the written worde, the perfection of the Lawe, the office of Chriſt, and his bleſſed Euangell. His corrupted doctrine concerning originall ſinne, our naturall inabilitie and rebellion to Gods Lawe. Our Iuſtification by Faith onely. Our imperfect ſanctification and obedience to the Lawe, the nature, number and vſe of the holy Sacraments. His fiue baſtard Sacraments, with al his rytis, ceremoneis, & fals doctrine added to the miniſtra-

niſtration of the true Sacraments without the word of God. His cruell Iudgement againſt Infants departing without the Sacrament, his abſolute neceſſitie of Baptiſme, his blaſphemous opinion of Tranſubſtantiation, or reall preſence of Chriſts bodie in the elements, and receiuing of the ſame by the wicked, or bodies of men. His diſpenſationis with ſolemnet oathes, Periuries, and degrees of mariage forbidden in the worde: his crueltie againſt the innocent deuorced. His diuilliſh Meſſe, his blaſphemous Prieſtheid, his prophane ſacrifice for the ſinnes of the dead and the quick. His Canonization of men, calling vpon Angels, or Sanctis departed, worſhipping of Imagrie, Relicks, and Croſſes, dedicating of Kirkis, Altars, Dayis, Vowes to creatures. His Purgatorie, prayers for the dead, praying or ſpeaking in a ſtraunge language, with his Proceſſionis and blaſphemous Letanie, and multitude of Aduocats or Mediatouris. His manifolde Ordouris, Auriculare Confeſſion, his deſperat and vncertaine repentance, his generall and doutſome fayth, his Satiſfactionis of men for their ſinnes, his Iuſtification by workis, OPVS OPERATVM, workis of Supererogation, Meritis, Pardonis, Peregrinationis and ſtationis, his holy water, Baptizing of Bellis, Coniuring of ſpiritis, Croſſing, Saning, Annointing, Coniuring, Hallowing of Godis gude creatures, with the ſuperſtitious opinion ioyned therewith, his VVorldly Monarchie, & wicked Hierarchie, his three ſolemned vowes, with all his ſhawelingis of ſundrie ſorts. His erroneous and bloodie decreis maide at Trent, with all the ſubſcryuers and approouers of that cruell and bloo-

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die bande, conjured againſt the Kirke of God. And finally, we deteſt al his vaine allegories, Rites, ſignes, & traditions brought in the Kirk, without, or againſt the word of God, and doctrine of this true reformed Kirk. To the quhilk we joyne our ſelues willingly, in Doctrine, Faith, Religion, Diſcipline, and vſe of the holy Sacraments, as liuely members of the ſame, in Chriſte our heade: promiſing and ſwearing, by the Greate Name of the Lord our God, that we ſhall continue in the obedience of the doctrine and diſcipline of this Kirk, and ſhall defende the ſame according to our vocation and power, all the dayes of our liues, vnder the paines contained in the law, and danger baith of body and ſoule, in the daye of Gods fearefull judgement. And ſeeing that many are ſtirred vp by Satan, and that Romane Antichriſt, to promiſe, ſweare, ſubſcriue, and for a time, vſe the holy Sacraments in the Kirk deceitfully, againſt their owne conſcience: minding hereby, Firſt vnder the externall cloake of religion, to corrupt and ſubuert ſecretly, Gods true religion within the Kirk, and afterward, when time may ſerue, to become open enemies and perſecuters of the ſame, vnder vaine hope of the Popes diſpenſation deuiſed againſt the worde of God, to his greater confuſion, and their double condemnation in the day of the Lorde Ieſus. We therefore, willing to take away al ſuſpition of hypocriſie, and of ſic double dealing with God and his Kirk, proteſt, and call the ſearcher of all hearts for witnes, that our minds & heartis, do fully agree with this our Confeſſion, promiſe, aith, and ſubſcription. So that we are not mooued for anye worldly reſpect, but

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are perſwaded onely in our conſcience, through the knawledge and lufe of Gods true religion, prentit in our heartis by the haly ſpirit, as we ſall anſwere to him in the day, when the ſecrets of all hearts ſall be diſcloſed. And becauſe we perceiue, that the quietnes and ſtabilitie of our religion and Kirk, doth depend vpon the ſafetie and good behauiour of the Kings Majeſtie, as vpon ane comfortable Inſtrument of Gods mercie granted to this Countrie, for the maintaining of his Kirk, and miniſtration of juſtice amongſt vs. We proteſt and promiſe with our heartis vnder the ſame aithe, hand-writ, and paines, that we ſall defende his perſon and authoritie, with our geir, bodies and liues, in the defence of Chriſt his Euangell, libertie of our Countrie, miniſtration of Iuſtice, and puniſhment of Iniquitie, againſt all enemies within this Realme, or without, as we deſire our God to be a ſtrong and merciful defender to vs in the day of our death, and cumming of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt. To whom with the father and the holy Spirite, be all honour and glorye Eternally, Amen.

THE KINGIS MAIESTIES CHARGE TO ALL COMMISSIONERS AND MInisters within this Realme.

SEeing, that we and our Houſhold, haue ſubſcryued & geuen this publict Confeſſion of our Faith, to the good example of our Subjectis. We commande and charge, all Commisſioners & Miniſters, to craue the ſame Confeſsion of their Parochinars, and procead againſt the refuſers, according to our Lawis and order of the Kirk, deliuering their names, and lawfull proceſſe to the Miniſters of our houſe, with all haſt and diligence, vnder the paine of xl. pound to be taken from their ſtipend, that we with the aduiſe of our Counſell, may take ordour with ſic proude contemners of God and our Lawes. Subſcryued with our hand. At Halyrudhous, 1580. the 2. day of March, the 14. yere of our raigne.

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WEe vnderſubſcriuand, conſidering the ſtrait linke and conjunctioun betuix the true & chriſtian religion, preſently profeſſit within this our realme,& ſouerane Lords eſtate and ſtanding, hauing baith the ſelf ſame frends & common enemies, & ſubject to the like event of ſtanding and decay: & weying thairwithall, the imminent danger threatned to the ſaid religion, aſweill be forraine preparations for perſecutioun, of that deteſtable conſpiracy againſt Chriſt and his Euangel, callit the halie league; as be outward and inteſtine practizes of the fauourers & ſuppoſtis thairof amangis our ſelffis, quha now inanimat be the report of forrein powers repairing to this realm, begins mair planely to vtter & profes their lang concelit euil meaning to the trueth, & conſequently to the ſtanding of his Majeſtie our ſouerane Lorde: quhom they haue found and tryit to be ane conſtant and inflexible profeſſour of the ſame. The preſeruation quhairof being dearer to vs, nor quhatſoeuer we haue deareſt in this life: and finding in his majeſtie, a maiſt honorable & chriſtian reſolutiõ, to manifeſt himſelf to the warld, ȝ zealous and religious prince, quhilk he hes hithertils profeſſit, and to imploy the meanes & power that God hath put into his hands, aſweill to the withſtanding of quhatſoeuer foreine force ſall mean within this Iland for alteration of the ſaid religioun, or endangering of the preſent ſtaite: as to the repreſſing of the inward enemies thairto amangis our ſelffs, linkit with thame in the ſaid antichriſtian league and confederacie. Haue thairfore in the preſence of Almichtie God, and with his Majeſties authorizing and allowance, faithfully

promiſit & ſolempnly ſworne, like as heirby we faithfully & ſolempnely ſweare & promiſe, to take ane true eafauld and plaine part with his Majeſtie amangis our ſelffis, for diuerting of the appeirand danger threatned to the ſaid religioun, and his Majeſties eſtate and ſtanding depending thairvpon, be quhatſoeuer forein or inteſtine platts or preparations: And to that effect, faithfully, & that vpon our trueths and honors, binds & obliſhis vs to vthers: To conuene & aſſemble our ſelffs publictly with our friends, in armes or in quiet maner, at ſick times and places as we ſalbe requirit be his proclamations, or be writ or meſſage direct to vs from his Majeſtie, or any hauing power from him: & being conuenit and aſſemblit, To joyne and concur with the haile forceis of our friendis and fauourers againſt quhatſoeuer foreine or inteſtine powers, or papiſts & thair partakers, ſal ariue or riſe within this Ilād or any part thairof, reddie to defende or purſue, as we ſalbe authorized and conductit be his Majeſty, or any vther, hauing his power and comiſsion, to joyne and hald hand to the execution of quhatſoeuer meane or order ſalbe thocht meit be his Majeſty and his Counſaill, for the ſuppreſsing of the papiſts, promotion of the true religion, and ſetling of his highnes eſtate and obedience in all the cuntries & corners of this realme, to expone and hazard our liues, landis and gudis, and quhatſoeuer meane God hes lent vs, in the defence of the ſaid true & chriſtian religion, & his Majeſties perſon and eſtate, againſt quhatſoeuer Ieſuitis and Seminarie or Meſſe preiſts, condamnit enemies to God and his Majeſtie, to thair vtter wracke and exterminion, according to the power grantit to vs be his highnes

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proclamation and Acts of parliament: To try, ſearch, and ſeik out all excommunicats, practizers, and vther papiſtes quhatſoeuer, within our bounds and ſhyres quhair we keip reſidence, delate thame to his highnes and his priuye Counſaill, and conforme vs to ſick directions, as fra time to time we ſall receiue fra his Majeſty and his Counſaill in thair behalfs, and ſpecially ſo many of vs as preſently ar, or heirafter ſalbe appointit commiſsioners in euery ſhyre, ſall followe, purſue and trauell be all meanes poſsible, to take and apprehend al ſick papiſtis, apoſtatis and excommunicatis, as we ſall receiue in writ from his Majeſty: and we, the remnant within that ſhyre, ſall concurre and aſsiſte with the ſaid commisſioners, with our haill friends & forces to that effecte, without reſpecte of anye perſon quhatſoeuer. And generally to aſſiſt in the meane time and defend euery ane of vs ane vther, in al and quhatſoeuer quarrels, actions, debaits, mouit, or to be mouit againſt vs or any of vs, vpon action of the preſent band or vthers cauſes depending thairvpon, and eafauldly joyne in defence and purſute, againſt quhatſoeuer ſall offer or intend any injury or reuenge, againſt any ane of thame for the premiſſes: makand his cauſe and part that is purſued, al our partis. Notwithſtanding quhatſoeuer priuye grudge or diſpleaſures ſtanding betwix anye of vs, quhilk ſalbe na impediment or hinder to our ſaide eafaulde joyning in the ſaid common cauſe, bot to lye ouer and be miſknawne, till they be orderly remouit and tane away be the order vnderſpecifiet. To the quhilk time we, for the better furtherance of the ſaid cauſe and ſeruice, haue aſſurit, and be the tenour heirof, euery ane of vs takand the burding on vs

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for our ſelffes and all that we may let, aſſures ilke vther to be vnhurt, vnharmeit, or in any wiſe to be invadit be vs or any of our foreſaidis, for auld feid or new, vtherwayis nor be the ordinarie courſe of Lawe and juſtice: neyther ſall we, nor any of our forſaidis, make any prouocation of tumulte, trouble or diſpleaſure to vthers in any ſort, as we ſall anſwere to God, & vpon our honours and fidelitie to his Majeſtie. And for our furder and mare heartly vnion in this ſeruice, We are content and conſents, that al and quhatſoeuer our feids and variances fallin, or that may fall out betwixt vs, be within fourty dayis after the date heirof, amicably referrit and ſubmittit to ſeuin or fiue indifferent freindis, choſen be his Majeſtie of our haill number, and be thair moderation and arbitrement componit and tane away. And finally, that we ſall neither directly nor indirectly, ſeperat or withdraw vs fra the vnion and fellowſhip of the remnent, be quhatſoeuer ſuggeſtion or priuat aduiſe, or be quhatſoeuer incident regard, or ſtay ſick reſolution, as be common deliberation ſalbe tane in the premiſſes, as we ſall anſwer to God vpon our conſciences, & to the world vpon our trueth and honours, and vnder the paine to be eſteemit traytouris to God and his Majeſtie, and to haue loſt all honour, credit & eſtimation in time cumming. In witnes quhairof his Majeſtie, in token of his approbation, and protection promiſsit to vs in the premiſſes, and we be his authoriſing and allowance forſaid, haue ſubſcriued thir preſents with our hands.

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THE ACT OF SECREIT COVNSAILL.

IAMES be the grace of God, King of Scottis: To our louitts, Messengers, our schyriffes in that part, conjunctly & seuerally, specially constitute greeting. Forasmekle as be act of our parliament, Intitulate, ANENT THE TRYALL AND PVNISHMENT of the offence of the aduersaries of the true religion presently professit within our realm. It is statute and ordaint, that quhatsoeuer professed and avowed Iesuites, or Seminarie priests, shuld be found in any part of our realme, within the space of ane moneth after the publication of the said Act, quhilk wes duly publisht vpon the 14. day of Auguſt, the zeir of God 1587. zeirs. Suld be taken, apprehended, called, pursued, & incur the paine of deid, and confiscation of all their mouable guds, and quha euer wittingly or willingly suld receaue or supply any of thame thairefter, be the space of three dayes & three nychts togidder, or seuerally at three times, vpon certaine knawledge, that they are persons of that profession, being lawfully & orderly conuict of the same suld incur the tinsall of thair liuerents. And that they, as also the sayers or hearers of the Messe, or prophaners of the Sacraments, or vthers persons suspecte to haue declined fra the true religion, or refusing to resort to the preaching of Gods worde, or quhatsoeuer person that suld be reasoning, or dispersing of buiks & letters, presume to persuade any of our subjects, to decline

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cline fra the profeſſion of the ſaid true religion: Being called to compeir and anſwer therevpon, before vs & our priuie Counſaill, In caſe the perſons ſo dilated & accuſed, or any of them, ſulde be founde culpable be our priuye Counſaill, or any fiue of them (our Chanceller and Clarke of Regiſter being twa of that number) ather be the confeſſion of the ſaids perſons accuſed, or be the depoſition of diuers famous witneſſes. Or gif the ſaidis perſons being called & adjudged criminally (in caſe we, & the Lords of our priuie counſel ſall ſo thinke gude) and were found culpable & guilty of the premiſes: That they thairthrow, ſuld incur the pane of tinſell of al thair mouable guds, togidder with the liferents of al thair lands & liuings quhatſoeuer, to be vptaken & imployed to our awne vſes, & na wayes diſponit to the perſons that ſuld be conuict or fugitiue for the cauſe foreſaid: as the ſaid Act of our Parliament in the ſelfe proports. And becauſe we and our eſtates, quhilk conuenit at Halirudehous, vpon the 27 day of Iuly. The zeir of God, 1588. zeirs, perceiued be gude experience, the inconuenient that followed, throwe default of nonputting of the ſame Act to due execution, and that thairthrow the ſaidis Ieſuitis, and ſeminarie preiſts diſdained our ſaid Acts, & continued in ſeducing and perſwading of diuers of our nobilitie and vtheris our gude ſubjectis, to decline fra the ſaide true and chriſtian Religion, and to practize the alteration and trouble of our Eſtate. Thairfore be ane vther Act & ordinance maid be vs, our ſaids nobilitie, counſaill and eſtates, quhilk conuenit the ſaid 27. day of Iuly: certaine perſons ſpecially expreſſed thairin were nominate, elected and conſtitute our Commiſſioners,

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and Iuſticeis in that parte, within the boundis of our ſchirefdoms ſtewartries, bayliereis, Burrowis and Cities vnder mentioned: Like as to thame conjunctly & ſeuerally, within the bounds ſpecially limited to tham were giuen our full power and commiſſion. All and ſundrie Ieſuits, and Seminarie prieſts: as namely, M. Iames Gordon, father brother to the Erle of Huntley, maſter Edmond Hay, brother to the gudeman of Meginche, M. William Creichton, M. Alexander Mackquhirry, Gilbert Browne ſomtime Abbot of New abbay, M. Mark Ker ſonne to Robert Ker elder, burges of our burgh of Edinburgh, and certain vthers of that profeſſion, incaſe they ſuld nocht depart forth of our realme, and enter thameſelfes to the Proueſt of our ſaid burgh of Edinburgh, til haue bene ludged, quhile occaſion ſeruit to tranſport thame according to our proclamation publiſht to that effect: And als all and ſundry our rebels, remaining at the Horne, for ſlaughter, or ſick vthers odious crimes, and all ſornars, brigandis and maiſterfull vagaboundis. To ſearch, ſeike, take and apprehende, and either to bring and preſent thame before our juſtice and his deputes in our burgh of Edinburgh, or then our ſaide juſtices and commiſſioners thameſelffs, to put the ſaids Ieſuits and Seminarie Prieſts, and vtheris aboue written, to the knawledge of ane aſſiſe for the ſaids wicked and vnlawfull practizes and attempts, and contemptuus diſobeying and contrauening of our laws and acts of parliament, and vther odious crimes committed be thame, and as they ſuld be fundin culpable or innocent, to miniſter juſtice vpon thame, conforme to the lawes and conſuetude of our realme, courte or courts to this effect

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twixt any parties inhabitant within ȳ ſhyres & bounds appointed to thame, & quha wer the maiſt able & indifferēt freinds, to be imployed for cōponing & away taking thairof. And to require & cōmand thē to trauel to that effect: And the perſons ſtanding at variance, to ſubmit thamſelfs, to ȳ moderation & arbitrement of ȳ ſaids indifferent freinds, according to ȳ effect & meaning of the generall band, ſubſcriued be vs and diuers of our eſtates: or incaſe of refuſe or delay, to certifie the ſame to vs & our counſaill with al conuenient diligence, that ſick further order mycht be tane thair anent, as apperteinit. And to moue certain of the maiſt zealous & worthie perſons in euery parochin, to take vpō thē oure commiſſion, for execution of our Act of Parliament maid for puniſhment of ſtrange & idil beggers, and reliefe of the pure and impotent: as alſo ordainit and commanded our ſaidis commiſſioners and juſticers, to proclame, & cauſe make wapponſhawings of al fenſable perſons in the boūds particularly limitat to tham, & to charge thame to conuene in armes at al occaſions neidfull, for defence of the cuntrie, and reſiſting of all outwarde and domeſtick invaſion, tending to the danger of the profeſſors of Gods true religion, or trobling of the cōmon quietnes of our realm: And further to charge & require all our gude ſubjects to concur and aſſiſt thame in the execution of the premiſes, vnder the panes contened in the acts of our parliament: And further vnder the pane to be repute, halden, eſtemed and purſued, as hinderers of our ſeruice, airt, and pertakers with the forſaids rebellious & diſobedient perſons, in thair vngodly and wicked deids, And that our ſaids commiſſioners & juſticers do thair exact diligence for execution of the premiſes, as they

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& euery ane of them, wil anſwer to vs vpon their obedience, at their vttermoſt charge & peril. And further vnder the pane of ane thouſand pounds, to be paid be euery ane of thame that ſalbe founde remiſſe or negligent heirin, as the ſaid acte of our ſecreit counſaill, of the date forſaid, at mair length proports. Quhilk, with the ſaid act of our parliament, & vthers acts, ordinances and commiſſions paſt, and geuen for executing of the ſame acts, againſt the ſaid Ieſuits, Seminary prieſts and excommunicate perſons: the ſaide Lords of our ſecreit counſail, in our name, ratifies, approues and ordaines the ſame, to be put to further execution in all points, conforme to the tenour thairof, with ſick expedition as conueniently may be. And becauſe there is certain of the Noble men, Barrons and vthers expreſſed commiſſioners, in the ſaid act of our ſecreit counſaill, maid vpon the ſaid 27. day of Iuly foureſcore ſeuen zeirs, that ſen the making thairof, ar departed this life, vthers diſeaſed in thair bodies, and ſome abſent forth of our realme, and in vther partis far diſtant fra the bounds, within the quhilk commiſſion wes geuin to thame, be reaſon of thair reſidence thairin for the time, ſo that at this preſent, they may not conueniently vſe and execute our ſaide commiſſion, with ſick expedition as is requiſit. Thairfore the ſaids Lords of our ſecreit counſaill, at the humble and earneſt deſire of the generall aſſembly of the Kirk, preſently conuenit, hes thought gude, concluded and ordainit, That our ſaid commiſſion and acts forſaid, ſalbe put in due and full execution, be the perſons reſpectiue after following, giuen in be tham in roll, within the liberties, ſchyrifdoms, ſtewartries and baylieries particularly vndermen-

mentioned: Thay are to ſay, the Proveſts and baylies of euery citie and burgh, juſticers and commisſioners within the ſelfe, and liberties of the ſame. And for the cuntrie to landwart, Robert earle of Orknay, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Orknay, George earl of Caithnes, Coline Mackenzie of Kintaill, Thomas Fraſer of Knokky, Andro Monro of Dowachartie, Angus Williamſõ Mackintoſh in Termet, and Iohn Vrquhart tutor of Cromartie within the bounds of our ſhyrifdoms of Innernes and Cromartie. Iohn Campbel of Caddell our ſhyriff of Narne. Hucheon Ros of Kilrawak, & Iohn Hay of Lochloy, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdom of Narne. Iames earle of Murray, Patrik Dumbar ſhyriff wardatare of Elgin and Fores, Robert Innes of that ilke, Iohn Grant of Frewchy, Iames Dumbar of Tarbert, & Dauid Dumbar of Grangehill within the boundis of our ſhyrifdoms of Elgin & Fores. William earl of Morton ſhyrif wardatare of Bamff Alexander L. Salton, & Walter Ogiluy of Findlatter within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Bamff. Iohn maiſter of Forbes, William Forbes of Corſſe, Alexander Irwing of Drum, Iames Creichtõ of Frendraucht Alexander Seton of Meldrum, Iohn Gordon of Petlurg, William Keith of Ludquharne and William Turing of Foverne, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Aberdene. William earle of Angus, George earle Marſhall, Robert L. of Altree, Andro L. Dingwell, Alexander Straton of Lourenſtõ, Iohn Strauchauchine of Thornton, Iohn Wiſchart of Pettarro, & Iohn Ramſey of Balmane, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Kincardin. Iohn L. Hamnilton, Thomas maiſter of Glammis, Patrick maiſter of Graye, Dauid Lindſey of

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Edzel, Iames Skrimgeour of Dudop cõſtable of Dundie, & George Haliburton of Pitcur, within ꝑ bounds of our ſhyrifdom of Forfair. Iohn earl of Athoil, Duncane Campbell of Glenurquhart, Thomas Stewart of Garntully, Alexander Blair of Bathyok, William Moncriff of that ilke, and Patrick Ogiluy of Inche Martin within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Perth, Stormonth and Dunkeld. Iohn Murray of Tullibardin, Iohn Stirling of Keir, and M. Iohn Halden of Glennegeis, within the bounds of our ſtewartries of Strath erne, Menteith & Diocie of Dunblane. William earl of Morton, Alexander commendatar of Culros, William Menteith of Kerſſ, & Robert Bruce of Clakmannane, within the boundis of our ſhyrifdomes of Clakmannane and Kinroſſ. Andro earl of Rothes our ſhyrif of Fyffe. Iames L. Lindſay of the Byres, M. William Lundy of that ilk, Andro Wood of Largo, and Dauid Carnegy of Culluthy, within the bounds of our ſhirifdome of Fyffe. Iohn earle of Mar, William L. Leuingſton, Alexander Foreſter of Gardin, and Iohn Leuingſton zounger of Donypace, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdom of Striuiling. Georg Dundas of ꝑ ilk, Nicol Cornwal of Ballinhard & Dauid Dũdas of Preiſtfinch within the boũds of our ſhirifdom of Lynlythqw. Archibald Naper of Marcheinſton, Alexander Fairly of Braid & Patrik Monypẽny of Pilrig, within the boũds of our ſhyrifdom of Edinburgh. Williã erl of Angus, Francis earl Bothuell, William Lord Hay of Zeſter, Sir Iohn Maitland of Thirlſtane knight our Chancelour, and Alexander Hume of Northberuicke, within the bounds of the conſtabularie of Hadington and Dumbar, Sir Iames Hume of Coldenknows knight, Georg

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Hume of Weddirburne, Alexander Hume of Hultonhall, Patrick Hume appeirand of Ayton, Patrick Cokburne tutor of Langton, Iames Seton of Tullibody, & M. Thomas Cranſton of Moreiſtō, within the boūds of our ſhyriſdome of Barwicke or Mers. William Ker of Cesfurde, Walter Scott of Branxholme, George Dowglas of Bonjedburgh, Iohn Crankſton of that ilk and Andro Ker of Fadounſide, within the boundis of our ſhyrifdom of Roxburgh or Teuiotdail. William L Hay of Zeſter, Iohn Stewart of Tracquair, William Twedy of Drummelzer and Patrick Murray of Fawlahill, within the boundis of our ſhyrifdoms of Selkirk and Peblis. Iohn L. Hammilton, William earle of Angus, Iames L. Someruile, Iames Maxwell of Calderwood, Iohn Stewart of Mynto, and Iames Hamilton of Liberton, within the boundis of our ſhyrifdome of Lanerk or Cliddiſdale. Lodovike Duke of Lennox, Iames earle of Glencarne, Robert L. Semple, George Buchannane of that ilk, Iohn Schaw of Grenok, William Edmondſton of Duntreith & Humfrey Colhoun of Lus, within the boundis of the Lennox & our ſhyrifdom of Renfrew. Robert maiſter of Eglinton, Thomas L. Boyd, Iohn Blair of that ilke, & Thomas Craufurde of Iordanhil, within the bounds of our bayliery of Cunningham. Hew Campbel of Teorinzean, Iohn Wallace of Cragy, Andro L. Vchiltree and William Craufurde of Lochnoreis, within the boundis of our baylierie of Kyle. Iohn Kennedy of Blairquhan, Thomas Kennedy of Bargany and Iohn Cathcart of Carlton, within the boundis of our baylierie of Carrict. Alexander Stewarte of Garleis, Vthrid Makdougall of Garthland and ſchir Patricke Vaus of Barnbarrouch

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within the bounds of our ſhyrifdom of Wigton, Iohn Gordon of Lochinvar, Thomas Mackclellan of Bombie, and Iames Lidderdale of ſainct Marie Ile within the boundis of our ſtewartrie of Kirkcudbright. Iohn L. Hamilton, Iames Dowglas of Torthorald, and Roger Greirſon of Lag, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdom of Drumfreis. Robert L. Sanquhar, Iames Dowglas of Drumlangrig, and Roger Kirkpatrick of Cloſburn, within the Sanquhar, or ouer part of Nithiſdale. Iames Iohnſō of Dunskelly, Charles Murray of Cokpule & Robert Iohnſon Laird of Neubie, within our ſtewartrie of Annanderdale. Archibald earl of Argile and his curators, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Argile. Angus Mackconeil of Dunniveg & Glennis Lauchlane Makclaine of Dowart, Donald Makconeill Gorme of Slait, and Donald Mackcloid of Harris, within the boundis of the Ilis. Attoure the ſaidis Lordis of our ſecreit Counſaill, heiring ſundrie bruits and rumors, aſweill offoreine as inteſtine plattis and preparations, for the trouble of the true and Chriſtian religion preſently profeſſed within our realme, & perrelling of our eſtate and ſtanding, depending thairvpon, baith hauing the ſame ſelfe friends and common enemies, and ſubject to the like euent of ſtanding and decay: Hes thocht meit for preuenting of the danger threatned hereby, aſweill to the ane as to the vther. that firſt of all, the godly and weill affected perſons our gud ſubjects ſalbe knawne and diſcernit fra tham that are of a contrair diſpoſition, and to this effect, the ſaids Lords hes giuen and granted, & be thir preſents giues and grantis full power and commiſſion, expreſſe bidding and charge to the perſons vnderwritten, eue-

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ry ane of thame within the boundis particularly limitat to tham as follows. They are to ſay, Thomas Swinton, Henrye Colvile and Iohn Dunnone within the bounds of our ſhyrifdom of Orknay. M. William Paip M. Robert Innes, William Gray zounger, Maſt. Iohn Robertſon, M. George Monro, M. Robert Williamſō and M. Thomas Howieſon, within the boundis of our ſhyrifdomes of Innernes and Cromarty. M. Robert Rait within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Narne. M. Iohn Keith miniſter at Duffus, M. Alexander Dowglas miniſter at Elgin, & Iohn Foreſter miniſter at Fores, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdomes of Elgin & Fores. M. William Strauchauchin, M. Iames Duff & M. George Nicolſon, within the boundes of our ſhyrifdome of Bamff. M. Peter Blackburne, Iohn Strauchauchin, Iames Reid and Abraham Sibbald within the boundis of our ſhyrifdome of Aberdeine. M. Andro Myln, M. William Lisk & M. Alexander Arbuthnet within the boundes of our ſhyrifdome of Kincardin. M. Iames Meluin, M. Paule Fraſair, William Chriſteſon, M. Iames Nicolſon, M. Henrie Guthree, M. Henry Duncane, Iohn Foullarton and M. Thomas Ramſey, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdome of Forfair. M. William Glas, M. William Rynd, Alexander Zoung, M. Archibald Moncreiff & M. William Rowe within the boundes of our ſhyrifdome of Perth, Stormonth and Dunkeld. M. Andro Zoung M. William Striuiling and Alexander Fergy within the bounds of our ſtewartries of Stratherne, Menteith and diocie of Dunblane. Iohn Dykis, Robert Rait & M. Alexander Wallace, within the bounds of our ſhyrifdoms of Clackmannane and Kinros, M. Thomas Buchannane,

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that zee command & charge the Noble men, Barons Miniſters and vthers foreſaids, to accept vpon thame our commiſſion geuen to euerie ane of thame, in maner perticularly aboue mentioned, and to report thair diligence touching the execution therof, to the Clerk of our ſecreit Counſaill, betwix and the twentie day of May nixt to come, vnder the paine of rebellion & putting of thame to our Horne, with certification to thame and thay faillzie, they ſalbe denunceit rebels and put to our Horne: and all thair mouable gudes eſcheit and inbrocht, to our vſe, for their contemption. And ſicklike that zee command and charge all & ſyndrie our liegeis, to readily anſwere, intende, obeye, concur, fortifie and aſſiſt our ſaid commiſſioners in the execution of the premiſſes, & to doe, nor attempt nathing to thair hinderance, as they and ilk ane of tham will anſwer to vs vpon thair obedience & allegeance, and vnder all hieſt paine, crime and offence, that they may commit and incur againſt vs, in that behalf. As ze wil anſwer to vs thairvpon. The quhilk to do, we commit to you conjunctly and ſeuerally, our full power be thir our letters, deliuering thame be you duely execute, and indorſate againe to the bearer. Giuen vnder our ſignet, At Edinburgh the ſaxt of Marche, and of our reigne the xxiij. zeir, 1589.

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